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**TERRE HAUTE METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER
SENTENCED**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that BRENT CHEREPKAI, 40, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 70 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

The charges resulted from a three month investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Vigo County Drug Task Force, Terre Haute Police Department, and Vincennes Police Department. The investigation included wire surveillance conducted over four cellular telephones.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed 3 years supervised release following CHEREPKAI's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, CHEREPKAI must undergo drug testing.

CHEREPKAI was a middle-level methamphetamine distributor for a methamphetamine trafficking ring operating in Terre Haute from December, 2002 through September 19, 2003.

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